

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of marking data objects on an electronic device to be transferred by the electronic device, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5                   a)     presenting a data object on a user interface of the electronic device;
- b)     applying a set of criteria to the data object to determine if the data object is capable of being transferred; and
- c)     providing an indicator if the data object is capable of being transferred by the electronic device.

10           2. The method of claim 1, wherein presenting a data object on the user interface of the electronic device comprises displaying the data object on a display of the electronic device.

15           3. The method of claim 1, wherein if the data object is capable of being transferred, further comprising the steps of:

- d)     allowing the data object to be selected for transfer; and
- e)     transferring the data object.

20           4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of allowing the data object to be selected for transfer further comprises adding the data object to a modifiable list of data objects selected for transfer.

25           5. The method of claim 1, wherein the applying a set of criteria step comprises the step of retrieving one or more attributes of the data object and determining if the attributes exceed predetermined transfer limitations.

                  6. The method of claim 5, wherein the predetermined transfer limitations comprise file size limitations, confidentiality limitations, and file type limitations.

30           7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises presenting an icon on the user interface of the electronic device.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises sounding an auditory alert on the electronic device.

5 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises illuminating a dedicated button on the electronic device.

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10. A method of marking data objects on an electronic device to be transferred by the electronic device, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) presenting a data object on a user interface of the electronic device;
- b) applying a set of criteria to the data object to determine if the data

5 object is capable of being transferred; and

- c) providing an indicator if the data object is incapable of being transferred by the electronic device.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein presenting a data object on the user interface of the electronic device comprises displaying the data object on a display of the electronic device.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein if the data object is capable of being transferred, further comprising the steps of:

- d) allowing the data object to be selected for transfer; and
- e) transferring the data object.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of allowing the data object to be selected for transfer further comprises adding the data object to a modifiable list of data objects selected for transfer.

14. The method of claim 10, wherein the applying a set of criteria step comprises the step of retrieving one or more attributes of the data object and determining if the attributes exceed predetermined transfer limitations.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the predetermined transfer limitations comprise file size limitations, confidentiality limitations, and file type limitations.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises presenting an icon on the user interface of the electronic device.

17. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises sounding an auditory alert on the electronic device.

18. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of providing an indicator comprises

5 illuminating a dedicated button on the electronic device.

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19. A method of marking a plurality of data objects on an electronic device for transfer, comprising the steps of:

- a) presenting a first data object;
- b) applying a set of criteria to the data object to determine if the first data object is capable of transfer;
- c) providing an indicator if the first data object is capable of being transferred by the electronic device;
- d) allowing user to select the first data object for transfer;
- e) adding the selected data object to a list of data objects for transfer;
- f) presenting a next data object; and
- g) repeating steps b) through e) with said next data object.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein list of data objects selected for transfer may be edited before transfer by the electronic device.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the applying a set of criteria step comprises the step of retrieving the attributes of said first data object and determining if the attributes exceed predetermined transfer limitations.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined transfer limitations comprise file size limitations and file type limitations.

23. The method of claim 19, wherein indicating on the user interface if the first data object is capable of transfer by the electronic device step comprises presenting an icon on the user interface of the electronic device.

24. The method of claim 19, wherein the providing an indicator step comprises sounding an auditory alert on the electronic device.

25. The method of claim 19, wherein the providing an indicator step comprises illuminating a dedicated button on the electronic device.

26. An apparatus capable of transferring one or more data objects, the apparatus comprising:

- a) a memory device for containing a program module and at least one data object;
- b) a user interface; and
- c) a processing unit coupled to the memory device and the user interface, the processing unit being operative in response to the instructions of the program module to:
  - i) present a data object on a user interface of the electronic device;
  - ii) apply a set of criteria to the data object to determine if the data object is capable of being transmitted; and
  - iii) provide an indicator if the data object is capable of being transmitted.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein if the processing unit determines that a data object is capable of being transmitted, further being operative in response to the instructions of the program module to:

- d) allow the data object to be selected for transmission over a communications medium; and
- e) transmit the data object.

28. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the apparatus is a cellular telephone.

29. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the apparatus is a computer with a modem.

30. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the apparatus is a hand held computer.

31. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the apparatus is a telephone.

32. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the communications medium is a wireless medium.

33. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the communications medium is a data channel of  
5 a cellular transmission medium.

34. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the communications medium is an optical medium.

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10 35. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the communications medium is a wired medium.